

Sinclair Broadcasting's forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary the 2 weeks before the election illustrates the dangers of media consolidation. We need to stop a few large corporations from monopolizing the airwaves.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This is clearly not in the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of the important diversity we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced far away, it's crucial that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter to us.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.